the Government Railway Police (GRP). Therefore, information asked for in the question is not readily available with the Ministry of Railways.

(d) 'Policing' being a subject matter of the State Government, security to passengers including female passengers is the responsibility of GRP and State Police. The Railway administration assists the GRP in escorting the lady compartments apart from manning the stations in vulnerable sections. Special squads consisting of Lady TTEs, Lady Constables/ RPF and GRP staff are existing to assist the lady passengers.

Mudkhed Adilabad Rail Line

1156. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount earmarked this year for completion of Mudkhed-Adilabad rail line; and

(b) by when the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) An amount of Rs. 30 crore has been allocated for the project in Budget 2002-2003.

(b) The work is expected to be completed during 2004-2005 depending upon availability of resources.

Disinvestment in RITES and IRCON

1157. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry of Railways has received any proposal for disinvestment of Rail India Technical & Economic Services (RITES) and Indian Railway Construction Company (IRCON);

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reaction of the Ministry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) For Disinvestment in RITES, recommendations of Disinvestment Commission are as under: